

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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## JAPAN'S NEW CABINET

To have been an immigrant from the Missouri to the Columbia was an experience to which nothing else is comparable. It confers a title of American nobility, beside which the coronets of some European dukes are fading. —W. D. Lyman.

## BAR ASSOCIATION POLITICS

The warm discussion in the Bar Association yesterday over the indorsements of various candidates for office here shows quite conclusively that politics is playing a part in the association, even though the members do not wish it. Unfortunate indeed is the situation when the district attorney's office is dealt with as a political job, yet the Bar Association itself yesterday set a line of demarcation between the judgeships and the federal attorneyship, calling one side political and the other one non-political. It occurs to the lay mind to wonder why, if the judges represent non-partisanship, such weight is given the statement that the South Carolina delegation is a unit for Judge Edings as a member of the Hawaiian circuit bench, and why the fight for Judge Edings is led by his fellow party-members.

Indeed, the discussion of political affiliation seems to outweigh that of personal qualifications. The bar association nevertheless has recognized merit on the bench by indorsements of four judges for reappointment.

The opposition to Judge Kingsbury appears to have been coming to a head for a long time. Some weeks ago attorneys began discussing the question of a successor for the Maui man. It has been urged against Judge Kingsbury that he flouts juries and attorneys alike and handles cases with little regard for the feeling of the learned counsel in the case. Withal it may be well to remember, in this day when the delays, the wearisome technicalities of the law, are subjected to so much criticism, that Judge Kingsbury has again and again lifted his voice in advocacy of common-sense dealing with court cases and that he has declined to be bound by what he considers merely trivial and outworn customs. He has shown backbone and independence, at least.

## EXPERIENCE WITH THE RECALL

The New Orleans Times-Democrat points out a flaw in Shreveport's commission government that illustrates the very danger Honolulu should avoid in dealing with the recall—that of making the recall too easy, so that the city is kept in a constant turmoil of elections. The Times-Democrat says:

Seattle has made itself very conspicuous lately in the matter of the recall, removing a number of officials, including the mayor, and to its excesses and those of some other cities in the matter is due to a large extent the reaction that has latterly set in against that eminently democratic measure, the recall, and the defeat in Tuesday's election of the Louisiana recall amendment, No. 19.

The case of Shreveport has helped to intensify that prejudice. Its people have been twice asked, within two years of the adoption of its commission government, to vote at recall elections and to remove four of its five commissioners. In the light of this experience, Louisiana voters viewed the recall as demoralizing and dangerous, and overlooked the fact that it is an absolute necessity to a commission charter, which gives the commissioners almost autocratic powers. In such cases it is the only protection of the people against official tyranny, a warning to the commissioners that if they go too far, if they are arbitrary, if they neglect in any way the demands of the people, or if they fail to perform their duties efficiently, they can be promptly removed like any other incapable servant. But the Louisiana voters could not see this. They saw only the expense, worry and vexation of many elections and voted the recall down. This was done by the parishes as well as by the city.

As a matter of fact, the question is entirely a different one for the state and the city. The recall is not nearly as important for state or parish officials, whereas it is essential to a successful commission government. Very few states have made the recall a part of their constitutions, but this provision is written into all the commission charters. When, therefore, Shreveport was granted a commission charter a recall provision was properly inserted therein. It was unfortunately too broad and liberal, requiring too few signatures to a recall petition, and thus necessitating too many recall elections. When, therefore, it came to the adoption of a commission charter for New Orleans, the ring legislators succeeded in eliminating any special recall provision from it, and provided instead a section which declared that the city would be bound by any recall legislation the state might adopt, and that the commissioners might be recalled under the same terms and conditions as a state or parish official, but when it finally came to preparing the recall amendment, the city fought it savagely, and succeeded in surrounding it with so many conditions and limitations that it was not likely we would see one recall election in a generation.

Having thus so weakened the amendment that it was of little or no use or value, the leaders then set to work to finally repudiate it altogether and slaughter it.

Japan's new cabinet, announced today from Tokio, ought to go a long way toward solving the great problems that came to a crisis in the resignation of Saionji. The ministry combines sterling ability with experience. It is noteworthy that many of the men who have contributed to the progress of the Empire during the past decade are asked to join with Katsura in wrestling with the questions of home and foreign policy now pressing upon Nippon. There is significance in the reappointment of Admiral Baron Saito as minister of the navy, a portfolio he has held since 1906. Japan's naval policy, aggressive, determined and modern, will be unchanged.

If President of the Board of Health Dr. Pratt should have his official head lopped off by the legislature, this island, at least, will not be the gainer thereby. Dr. Pratt has by his frequent visits — four since last August — set a good example to territorial department heads, and he has ever taken an active interest in Hawaii's needs. During his presidency of the board of health we have made as good an advance in health matters as we could possibly expect to do, and, in view of the success of past performances, we may look upon the fulfillment of the promises for the future with a far greater degree of assurance than we can possibly entertain if a new man is placed at the head of the department.

It is true that the banana campaign was a colossal blunder, but it should be remembered, in justice to Dr. Pratt, that he was placed in a most unfortunate position at the time. Had he not given in to Dr. Blue, a most eminent sanitarian, and the hysterical "better-than-thou" crowd in Honolulu, he would have been roasted just as badly as he is now. He would be damned if he did, and he would be damned if he didn't, and it seems hardly fair to carry that curse any further. —Hilo Tribune.

The Hilo Tribune's support of Dr. Pratt is eminently correct, with the exception that Dr. Blue is given the credit—or discredit—of inaugurating the banana-cutting campaign. As a matter of fact, Dr. Blue arrived from the Coast some time after this campaign was undertaken.

"Bill" Flinn, the Pittsburg boss, was pointed to, in the late campaign, by the Bull Moosers as an example of the power of that party, headed of course by Col. Roosevelt, to enlist under the banner of beneficence to all many politicians who had repented of their evil ways. On this theory, Col. Roosevelt saw no harm in accepting large campaign contributions from the Pittsburg. Now "Bill" is making up for those contributions. He has become associated with a firm of contractors notorious for their corrupt power in Pennsylvania politics. Evidently "Bill" has to have some solace for the defeat of his high-minded leader.

President Madero of Mexico is complaining because, he says, the newspapers won't let him rule his country peacefully. If it hadn't been for the newspapers that helped stir up a revolution, Madero would now be in the jail where Diaz clapped him, an unknown and inglorious little Mexican, and Diaz would have been the "Iron Man" still. Madero found the American newspapers of considerable use when he was trying to enlist friends in the United States and obtain credit for rifles and ammunition for his shabby outlaws from the west.

As evidence that this is a commercial age, it may be noted that one of our leading financiers, on hearing that a stock company is shortly to open an engagement in a local theater, wanted to know what the stock is selling at.

That which a former governor of South Carolina said to the governor of North Carolina bears little resemblance to the remarks made by the present governor of South Carolina to the governors of several other states.

Variety is also the spice of war. The world was getting tired of reading of continuous victories of the Allies. The Turks have now aroused some interest by their reported whipping of the Grecian cruisers.

Honolulu's Christmas Eve celebration can be transferred to New Year's Eve simply by wishing. That's about the cheapest way of getting anything done we know of.

Maui has the beauties and the hospitality to back all the promotion work done for the Valley Isle. It will be money well spent.

The Sublime Porte still seems to be laboring under the misapprehension that it can dictate terms to Greece.

The fierce light that beats around a throne seems to be following Governor Frear to Midway.

## LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

### A SOLDIER ON BEHALF OF THE SOLDIERS.

Fort Ruger, H. T.,  
Dec. 15, 1912.  
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.  
(Hoping this letter will find space in your paper.)

Sir:—We, the men of Fort Ruger, are in sympathy with our comrades at Fort Shafter. Several of our men were present at the mass-meeting when Mr. Horne made his assertion against the army at large, I among the number. At the time I gave his remark little thought. I took it as an ignorant remark, coming from a man that didn't know what he was talking about, and he certainly didn't know.

I am a soldier and am proud of the fact. I have met hundreds of men in the service of our country from coast to coast, many more stationed on this beautiful island, and passing through on their way to and from the Philippine Islands. I have been here two years and in that time I have not heard of a single case of a soldier being accused of preying upon young girls. I know the statement made by Mr. Horne to be untrue. He, as well as many others of the city of Honolulu, have a mistaken idea of a soldier. In some eyes they are no longer human when they put on the khaki uniform, but you do not know the soldier-boys. I am on my first enlistment and will say that the finest gentlemen, strongest characters, and the most ideal personalities it has been my pleasure to meet, have been men in the uniform of the United States army.

I am personally acquainted with many of your citizens and have always been treated as a gentleman by them. They are good Christian characters and know better than to make a statement that would reflect on a soldier. How much better it would be if more of the people of Honolulu would take time to become acquainted with the men of our army, learn what kind of a man the average soldier is, and consider us human. Some of us come from as good families as any in Honolulu. All of us have those that love us and most of us have sisters, and how quickly we would resent an insult to them.

A soldier does not look twice at a child, and I will say that the soldiers are not responsible for the rape and seduction cases of Honolulu in any way. No man, soldier or civilian, will approach any woman or girl unless she gives him encouragement. A soldier is naturally lonesome. He leaves all he loves behind, — mother, father, sister, brother, and sweetheart — to come thousands of miles away from home, that you will have protection in case of war.

Have you ever considered the cause of a soldier drinking? Well, I will tell you. It is only for this one reason. He is in a strange land among strange people. He meets with no encouragement outside the military post to lead a good life. Every place he goes ladies pull aside their skirts and turn up their noses, men sneer and pass on. Why not show some interest in them? Give them a place to go for amusement besides the saloon? Show them that you are their friends and trust them, and see what a change will take place. Now is the time to act, in the blessed Christmas tide. God said: "Love ye one another." Are we Christians or heathen? Why not do unto others as we would wish to be done by? Many of the boys never get drunk and quite a few never drink at all. I am among that number.

Listen, friends, here are a few questions anyone may answer: Who is it that you apply to in the name of charity and are never refused? The soldier! Who is it you first think of when you need a special guard? The soldier! Who is it that marches through your muddy streets for your amusement and receives only catcalls and sneers for the pains? The soldier! Who is it that leaves all he holds dear and goes out ready to die for you? The soldier! Have you ever thought he is here for your personal safety? Each one of you that reads this article, take that thought along with you. And, again, who is the first to respond to a woman in distress? The soldier! I could tell you of many things but I dare not in print, but I will say your people will have to look elsewhere for the cause of the downfall of Hawaiian girls, and not in a soldier camp.

Hoping I offend no one and I am one that stands ready at all times to wield the lash on any man found guilty of such a crime, and I speak for every man in Fort Ruger when I say that law should go into effect and be carried out. Hoping you will all read this as it is meant.

I am, respectfully yours,  
A SOLDIER.

### THE "THOUGHT-WAVE"

Editor the Star-Bulletin.  
Sir:—Let me congratulate your paper upon its enterprise in calling into use the remarkable Z-Ray in your

correspondence from the governor's party on board the Thetis. To my certain knowledge, this is the first time the Z-Ray has been used in newspaper communication, though scientists have for some years been bringing it into a state of perfection.

A word about the Z-Ray from a scientist may not be amiss, as there is considerable doubt in the layman mind on this subject. The Z-Ray was discovered by Dr. L. E. Arned, Ph.D., L.L.D., F.R.G.S. and W.X.Y.Z., early in the year 1909, while experimenting with the X-Ray. The Z-Ray is at the extreme end of the chromatic scale, measured in terms of light. It has a vibration of 23,000,000,000,000 per second, which gives it its remarkable power of penetration. Unlike the wireless or Hertzian wave, it travels best in daytime. The Z-Ray can circle the globe over a billion times per minute. As a means of communication, scientists regard it as unexcelled.

The Z-Ray or "thought-wave," as I have noticed your paper calls it, is a wave of the fourth dimension, whose coefficient is thus expressed:

xx plus 2y—HH2 equals .0007111144.

Its principle is that of atmospheric sound waves, just as the Hertzian wave, but so strong are the waves that there is no need for a head-telephone, the operator receiving the message being able to take it down directly. The sound wave is also of such frequency that it causes the diaphragm to vibrate with a speed greater than the naked eye can detect. By means of the oscillograph, the sound may be photographed, which is exceedingly important. The beam of light is refracted from a minute crystal prism at a known angle but unknown traps, and by a clever electrical arrangement, may be made to form readily-discerning ideographs on a piece of mauve or lavender paper.

The Z-Ray gives great promise of revolutionizing wireless communication and it is interesting to know that here is the Hawaiian Islands, where the common or garden variety of wireless was first displayed, the Z-Ray is to be developed.

Yours, sir for science and with congratulations,  
J. PLUVIUS ALLEGRETTI.

### LITTLE INTERVIEWS

CHARLIE HOPKINS — Were that triangular piece of ground at Kaplowani Park which was created by the straightening of Makee road, only filled in and a statue—say of Psyche—erected thereon, how very beautiful it would be!

### PERSONALITIES

MISS MARGARET SCOTT, of Hilo, will be hostess at a dance for the younger set of this city on Thursday next.

MR. AND MRS. C. C. KENNEDY, of Hilo, who have been spending some months on the Coast, are expected to return in the near future.

MANAGER JOHN SCOTT, of the Wainaku plantation, who was taken ill at a meeting of the Hilo Board of Trade, is reported again in his usual health.

MISS TAYLOR, the supervising principal of the Kau schools, spent Saturday and Sunday in Hilo, on her way to Honolulu where she is the guest of Mrs. McGrew.

### TOMAHAWK

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trouble such as has not been seen in this country since the Comanche and Apache rode the plains of Texas and Oklahoma.

The reapportionment plan furnished many hot fights during the legislative session of 1911. The Hawaii delegation, sometimes helped by Kauai, played considerable politics with the reapportionment plan, which was in the form of a concurrent resolution, for the simple reason that under the proposed reapportionment, Hawaii and Kauai would have the delegations cut down and Oahu would be considerably strengthened. Although required by law to make the reapportionment, the Legislature did not do so. The House passed the Senate's concurrent resolution and then, on the last night of the session when everything was in an uproar, the House reconsidered its action, voted against the resolution and returned it to the Senate. It was all part of a political play at the time which has little present significance, except as it has deferred the fight until the Legislature of 1913.

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